

Combined Federal Campaign: Making Every Dollar Count”. Testimony was heard from Representative Reichert; Mark Lambert, Associate Director for Merit System Accountability and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a closed rule for H.R. 2642, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lucas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a markup on committee print of the “NASA Authorization Act of 2013”. The committee print of the “NASA Authorization Act of 2013” was forwarded, without amendment.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR NATIONAL MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Strategic Planning for National Manufacturing Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BEYOND THE BELTWAY: SUCCESSFUL STATE STRATEGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Beltway: Successful State Strategies for Small Business Growth”. Testimony was heard from Jim Cheng, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Virginia; Pat Costello, Commissioner, South Dakota Office of Economic Development; Aaron Demerson, Executive Director, Economic Development and Tourism, Texas; and Nick Jordan, Secretary, Kansas State Department of Revenue.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1848, the “Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013”; H.R. 2576, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify requirements relating to the availability of pipeline safety regulatory documents, and

for other purposes; H.R. 2612, the “Public Buildings Savings and Reform Act of 2013”; H.R. 2611, to designate the United States Coast Guard Headquarters the “Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building”; H. Con. Res. 44, concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and a General Services Administration Resolution. The following bill was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1848. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 2576; H.R. 2612; H.R. 2611; and H. Con. Res. 44. The Committee approved the General Services Administration Resolution.

COLLABORATION TO ASSIST SERVICE MEMBERS RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee, and Full Committee on Armed Services held a joint hearing entitled “DOD and VA Collaboration to Assist Service Members Returning to Civilian Life”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; and Stephen W. Warren, Acting Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

DELAY OF THE EMPLOYER MANDATE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Obama Administration’s decision to delay the employer mandate and the employer information reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUILDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building job opportunities for veterans, after receiving testimony from Kyle Mitchell, and Shawn Deabay, both of the Texas Veterans Commission, Austin; Ryan M. Gallucci, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Ben Fowke, Xcel Energy, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, and the Legislative Branch, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense operations conducted pursuant to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and the presidential policy guidance on counterterrorism, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine mitigating systemic risk through Wall Street reforms, 11 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine assessing the transition in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Daniel Brooks Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Byron Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Regulation of New Chemicals, Protection of Confidential Business Information, and Innovation", 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Improving FCC Process", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The State Department 2013 Trafficking in Persons Report", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, continued hearing entitled "Assessing Attacks on the Homeland: From Fort Hood to Boston", 9 a.m., HVC-301. This portion of the hearing is closed.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on the "Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "America's Helium Supply: Options for Producing More Helium from Federal Lands", 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations, hearing entitled "Wildfire and Forest Management", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Oversight and Management of Department of Energy National Laboratories and Science Activities", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.